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If you have any suggestions for other subjects you would like covered, I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Examples could be a section for notification of Births and Marriages, or perhaps a list of contact points - whatever you want, I will try to incorporate.

If any of you are on the 'net', I can send this newsletter via e-mail. If you wish this, please let me have your e-mail address.

Previous copies are available to anyone who would like one.

As for me, my details have changed: -

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I am going to organise a Reunion or Family Gathering, similar to the one held in 1998. Venue and date to be decided on, but probably here in the North. The last one was on Portland in Dorset. Let me know your views, either positive or negative, so that I can begin to make arrangements.

This is up to you - no responses - no meeting.

The Continuing Story....

The following is a copy of a news report from The Times, dated Sept 03, 1855; pg.8; Issue 22149, col C

Treasure Trove

On Friday last a great sensation was produced at Portland In consequence of a great number of sovereigns having been discovered embedded in a wall at Fortuneswell. A little boy named Tucker pushed his hand into a crevice in an old wall and pulled out something which turned out to be a sovereign. The little boy told a woman of the circumstance, who immediately repaired to the spot, and succeeded in finding and bringing away upwards of 25. The news soon spread, and in a very short time there were upwards of 100 persons assembled, and the confusion that prevailed was beyond all description; some were fighting, others pushing and wrangling to get at the money first, and in the midst of this disorder the wall was completely levelled with the ground, and between 70l and 80l were thus obtained. It is conjectured that this money had been lying there 20 years, and that it was placed there by one of the Norsters. It appears that about that date the dwelling-house of a Mr. Pearce was broken into on a Sunday evening, while the family were at church, by two brothers, natives of that place, named Samuel and Frank (sic) Norster, and a considerable sum stolen therefrom, and it is supposed, being hotly pursued, that Frank hid the money in the wall without his brother's knowledge. They were ultimately captured, tried at Dorchester, and both were sentenced to be transported for 20 years. On their passage out Frank died.

So, the story may not have ended yet...

John Norster (Bapt 2nd Apr 1790)

Last year, I told you of the above gentleman, and his naval career. I left it, needing to find out what "Run Samarang July 31" meant.

I now have the answer.

It means that from 12 June 1831 he was on the Run from Leave, until 17 August 1831 when he joined HMS Magicienne.

On 28 March 1835 it would appear that he was pensioned off. I now have to find his pension record, if it still exists.

Richard Norster (1797-1856) - The Black Sheep...

He started out all right - a conviction for assault in 1823 (13 months imprisonment), then 1 month for smuggling and months later on (crime and date unknown)

Then he turned - He joined - the Coast Guard !!!.

He applied in November 1828, and was inspected on the 30th by the Inspecting Commander at Lyme (Regis). He was appointed on 7th January 1829 and started at Lyme.

He moved about the country, 26th January 1829, Dublin, 24th April 1832, Lambay Island (Dublin, now a bird sanctuary), 7th April 1835, Malahide (still Dublin), 12th September 1836, Freshwater (Isle of Wight), 30th September 1840, Selsey (West Sussex), 15th September 1846, Pagham (West Sussex, Good of the CG service). He retired on 23rd June 1848 on a pension of £22.00 per annum, and died 9th April 1856, and is buried in Pagham, West Sussex.

He married Mary Gill on 12th November 1822 in Seaton, Devon, and they had the following children :-

Jane	1822
Marianne	1825
John Francis	1826
Elizabeth Ann Rebecca	1829
Marianne	1831
Sarah	1834
Amelia Grace	1841

Of these, Marianne (or Mary Anne as she is sometimes recorded) and Sarah both went to Australia. Marianne marrying Hugh Halcrow from the Shetland Islands, and Sarah married John Thorne Whittingham. Both lived the remains of their lives in New South Wales, Marianne in and around Shoalhaven, Nowra, and Sarah died in Nowra General Hospital. I can only presume that they remained close after leaving England.

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which has recently been updated. This newsletter will be on the website by the time you read it. It will now give you the opportunity to see your ancestors in a normal tree format. Please e-mail me, or write, or phone and let me know what you think of it.

If you have a computer, but are not on the Internet, I can send you a copy of the website on a CD. Please let me know if you would like a copy.